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### **JUDGE ORDERS FIVE DEFENDANTS IN POLITICAL REFORM ACT LAWSUIT TO ANSWER CHARGES**

**San Diego, CA:** Superior Court Judge Steven R. Denton today ordered five defendants that had challenged the Political Reform Act (PRA) lawsuit filed by City Attorney Mike Aguirre to file answers within 10 days. The lawsuit alleges conflict of interest violations by the defendants and was filed last summer by City Attorney Aguirre.

Defendants Ron Saathoff, John Torres, Cathy Lexin, Sharon Wilkinson, and Terri Webster, are all former San Diego City Employees Retirement System trustees that supported efforts by the City Council to underfund the pension system in exchange for increased benefits.

In his tentative ruling, Judge Denton determined that the claim was properly pleaded and was not uncertain as had been alleged by said defendants.

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